

Cass County Convention Minutes

1/25/2025

Call to order – Fred Hage called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM.

Pledge and Invocation – Fred Hage led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Jay Raymond provided the opening prayer.

Fred discussed the PCR program and encouraged participation as a way to support us in our fundraising efforts.

Fred H made a motion to accept the agenda. Pat Kastning seconded. It was approved.

Appoint committee chairs and officials – Fred Hage introduced the committee chairs and officials including Pat Kastning as the chair of the Nominating Committee. The credentials committee is Brian Ellingson and Jay Raymond. The Rules Committee is Fred Hage. The Constitutional Committee is Fred Hage, Mary Jo Baarsch and Steve Trinkle.

Appoint temporary chair – Forest Hyatt was introduced as the temporary chair. He is also serving as the parliamentarian. Forest opened with comments about the day's procedures.

Preliminary credentials report – Brian Ellingson provided the preliminary credentials report including

Reading of the call – A motion was made to dispense, Paul R seconded, and it was approved.

Secretary's report – Jay Raymond made a motion to accept the report. It was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report – Paul R provided the report. We have \$27,439.98 in our account currently. \$20,000 of that is in a CD which matures in May. We had 32,900 in receipts. 71 PCRs and other contributions totaling.... Fundraiser income was 17,2... We donated 22,600 to our candidates. We had expenditures of 6,..... We had reimbursements of 5,..... Paul moved to accept the report, it was seconded, and it was accepted.

Chairman's report – Fred H provided the report. He highlighted the fact we have Janet Galassi as our new Finance Chair working alongside Paul our Treasurer. Fred discussed the focus of our organization which is to raise funds and support candidates within and outside our county. Our upcoming fundraising events were highlighted. Kendall Qualls' intention to run for Governor was discussed. He will be attending our fundraising events as a keynote speaker.

Adoption of rules – A motion was made to adopt the rules. It was seconded. The rules passed.

Final credentials report – Registered Delegates are 9 and Alternates are 6. A vote was called to accept the final credentials report, and it was approved.

Seating of alternates –6 Alternates were seated along with the 9 Delegates for a total of 15 seated Delegates and Alternates.

Nominating committee report – Pat Kastning provided the report which includes nominations for the following: Chair, Fred Hage; Deputy Chair, Rusty Lilyquist; Secretary, Jay Raymond; Treasurer, Paul Ritter; Finance Chair, Janet Galassi. Nominated Vice Chairs are Mary Jo Baarsch, Paul Cibuzar, Collette Cordingly, Brian Ellingson, David Galassi, Pat Kastning, Alise McGregor, Gordon Reher, Deb Scheibel, Micki Trinkle, Steve Trinkle, Sue Van Hal, and Arnold Volker.

Executive officers vote – There was no opposition and there were no other nominations. A motion was made to accept the list of officers. It was seconded and the full list of officers was approved.

State Central Delegate / Alternate vote – Pat K provided the list of State Central Delegates and Alternates as follows: Delegate #1, Mary Jo Baarsch; Delegate #2, Micki Trinkle; Alternate #1, Steve Trinkle; Alternate #2, Deb Scheibel; Alternate #3, Jay Raymond; Alternate #4 Buford Johnson; Alternate #5, Fred Hage; Alternate #6 Rusty Lilyquist. A motion was made to accept the slate of candidates. It was seconded, and the list was approved.

Other business & guest speakers – Fred H mentioned that we were able to provide a live stream of this convention due to weather and difficulty for folks to attend. This could be the approach we take in the future. There will be discussion about it at our upcoming executive meetings.

Adjournment followed by luncheon – Pat Kastning made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded. We adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Raymond
Cass County Republicans Secretary